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1. ON JULY 15 AFTER MEETING WITH UNIVERSITY STUDENTS,
FOREIGN MINISTER PHICHA RATTAKUN HELD A NEWS CONFERENCE.

2. IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION ABOUT ADMIRAL GAYLOR'S TESTIMONY IN WHICH GAYLOR ALLEGEDLY SAID THAT 3,000 AMERICAN TROOPS WOULD REMAIN IN THAILAND FM PHICHAI SAID QUOTE ... I ASKED ... (ABOUT) THE DATE ON WHICH THAT CONVERSATION OR TESTIMONY OCCURRED. ... I SAID THAT THAT IS THE ANSWER, BECAUSE ALL MASS MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL MOST PROBABLY REMEMBER THAT WHEN NEGOTIATIONS WERE HELD BY THE FORMER GOVERNMENT REGARDING RAMASUN, THE U.S. SPOKE OF THE NUMBER OF PERSONS, OR TECHNICIANS WHO MUST REMAIN IN RAMASUN. THE NUMBER WAS STATED AS 3,000 MEN ... UNQUOTE.

3. ON THE NUMBER OF TECHNICIANS WHO WILL REMAIN AT RAMASUN FOREIGN MINISTER PHICHAI SAID THAT AS OF TODAY LESS THAN 100 TECHNICIANS REMAIN THERE. HE ALSO SAID THAT IN ABOUT TWO DAYS THERE WILL BE A JOINT US-THAI STATEMENT ON RAMASUN.

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